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> Request for Review of SDL Decision CC Docket No. 02-6 FCC

To Whom It May Concern:

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This letter is to appeal the following:

USAC Administrators Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2003-2004
Regarding SLD Form 486 Notification Letter dated June 16, 2004, regarding the service date change from 07/01/03 to 1/21/2004, for the three (3) Funding Request Numbers listed below.

Applicant's Form 486 Identifier: VVS

Billed Entity Name:

Sherrill City School District

Billed Entity Number:

124593

Form 486 Application Number: 258010

Applicant's Form 486 Identifier:

236010 VVS

Billed Entity Name:

Sherrill City School District

Billed Entity Number:

124593

Funding Year 2003:

07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004

Form 471 Application Number:

355243

Funding Request Number: 957464

Vernon Telephone Co., Inc.

Funding Request Number: 957476

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Northland Telephone Systems, Ltd.

Funding Request Number: 957483

Cingular Wireless, Inc.

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As noted in the USAC Administrator's Decision of Appeal:

"The Form 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date featured on the Form 486 or no later that 120 after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter which ever is later.

The basis for this Request for Review is as follows:

The District did not receive notification of the filing error - omission of the Form 486.

The District filed Form 472 on March 12, 2004 for reimbursement July 1, 2003 through December 30, 2003. This filing process usually takes several months. On May 19, 2004 I placed a call to follow up on the progress of the 472 filing. It was then I learned of the District's omission of filing Form 486. I filed Form 486 before the close of business that day.

While I realize that a program rule regarding a calendar deadline has not been met, I respectfully request that you consider granting this appeal for a service start date adjustment back to 07/01/2003 as originally filed, or at least to 120 days prior to March 12, 2004, when USAC would have received the District's Form 472.

It is my experience that USAC notifies Billed Entities of errors on submitted filings and requires a very timely turn around response window of 7 days. I would also respectfully note that in the middle of a funding year, when a filing error such as ours is made (skipping over Form 486), the same error notification to the Billed Entity should be required so that the Billed Entity could make the required filing and continue the E-Rate process for that funding year. Had we received such a letter, we would have made the correction immediately, as evidenced in the 486 filing on May 19, 2004, the day I discovered the error through my phone call to SLD.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal. I am hopeful that the District won't be financially disadvantaged by this clerical error. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

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